

AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_

OFFERED BY MR. CARNAHAN OF MISSOURI

Mr. Payne of  
New Jersey

At the end of title VIII, insert the following:

1 SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ FEMALE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

2 (a) ~~ESTABLISHMENT.~~—The Secretary of State ~~shall~~  
3 ~~establish an exchange program to increase the substantive~~  
4 ~~involvement of women legislators and civil society leaders~~  
5 in politics and decision-making processes. The Secretary  
6 ~~shall~~ <sup>should</sup> focus such exchange program on the following coun-  
7 tries:

should encourage  
exchanges  
between

- 8 (1) Afghanistan.  
9 (2) The Democratic Republic of the Congo.  
10 (3) Iraq.  
11 (4) Liberia.  
12 (5) South Sudan.

13 (b) ~~PURPOSES.~~ <sup>These</sup> The exchange ~~program established~~  
14 ~~under subsection (a) shall~~ <sup>should seek to</sup>

- 15 (1) expand female participation in international  
16 exchange programs of the Department of State;  
17 (2) promote the advancement of women leaders  
18 in national parliaments and civil society, reduce legal  
19 and discriminatory barriers to women's <sup>civil</sup> ~~social~~, edu-  
20 cational, and economic equality; and

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the human and civil rights of women
- 1 (3) promote ~~women's rights~~ and inclusion in de-
- 2 cision-making structures as fundamental components
- 3 of democratic governance, stability, and economic
- 4 development.

